

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

02/01/06

Mayor Weaver opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Paul Hiltz, Mr. Joe Nienaber Jr., Mr. Jeff Wolnitzek and Mr. Matt Barker. Also present were City Administrator Larry Klein, City Attorney Pete Summe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Steve Brunson owner of Pediatric Partners at 1945 Highland Pike addressed Council regarding the speed limit on Highland Pike. He stated that they moved into the offices in August, 2005 and all businesses in that area have a right in and right out only. He advised that it is really confusing in this area and he thinks if the speed limit was at least lowered to 45 MPH it would not be as dangerous for drivers who are already confused by the road. He also stated that he knows that this is a state road but if the City could help, he would appreciate it. Mayor Weaver advised that the City has addressed this with the Transportation Cabinet and they have refused to change the speed limit. Mayor Weaver advised Mr. Brunson and maybe a couple of the banks in the area contact them and also the City would contact our local Representatives regarding this matter.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 1/11/06 Special Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Presentation of FYE 2004/2005 Annual Audit

Mr. Jim Sparrow of Rankin and Rankin addressed Council and presented the audit report. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to accept the audit as presented. Roll call vote taken, Nienaber, Wolnitzek, Barker and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 3-06 – Zoning Text Amendment

Mr. Summe read this Ordinance. This was amended to allow “inside pick up” and “curb side pick up”. Motion by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Hiltz, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Office Park (OP) Zone Text Amendment

Mr. Klein advised that there is a site on KY 17, near Walt's Hitching Post, currently zoned office park. Mr. Middendorf, who is in attendance for this meeting, would like to develop this property as a funeral home use. In order for this use to be allowed, the City would have to amend the text to allow as a permitted or conditional use.

Mr. Middendorf spoke and advised that this site would be a very good location and they plan to build a nice looking building that will blend into the area. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Hatter to authorize Mr. Klein to submit an application to NKAPC for a permitted and or a conditional use to the OP Zone to allow funeral homes. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed,

Executive Order 3-06 – Appointment of Harry Geimeier to Board of Adjustments
Mayor Weaver advised that Ken Ramey asked not to be reappointed to the Board of Adjustments because of family and work commitments. Mayor Weaver's recommended Harry Geimeier who was previously a member of City Council and retired from Covington Fire Department. He is now employed at the Cincinnati Art Museum. Mr. Summe read this Order. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 2-06 – Northern Kentucky Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
Mr. Klein advised that each City is required to adopt this Resolution if they are to receive in the future any emergency relief funds from the State or Federal Government. Mr. Summe read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Hiltz voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 3-06 – ISTE A

This is a Resolution of support by City Council that is required to be submitted with our ISTE A application. This application will be submitted for sidewalks on Highland Avenue from the existing sidewalk on Kyles Lane to the Bluegrass Swim Club and on to the Storer property and the Civil War Museum. This is about 3000 lineal feet, about a \$165,000.00 project. We are proposing that the City over match it at 50% in kind; this will give us a better chance of getting the grant. There will be a lot of people benefiting from this project and if awarded this grant we will be notified in June, 2006. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hiltz to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Nienaber, Wolnitzek and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proposed Form District Zoning Code & Map Amendment – KY 17 Corridor

Mayor Weaver advised that Mr. Frank Henn, who is in attendance at tonight's meeting, has served on this committee and attended many meetings. The committee is to be congratulated on the time and effort spent on this document. Mayor Weaver asked Council to give this consideration to send this to NKAPC and continue the process. Mr. Klein spoke and advised this is a continuation of the process started with the road improvements for Wal-Mart. This is an opportunity to have quality developments and good traffic flow. We have a market study that identifies what businesses would most

likely succeed in this area. With Council's permission we would like to submit this to NKAPC to have them do their official review and going through the public hearing process. Their recommendation would come back to Council for review and modification. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Hiltz, second by Mr. Wolnitzek to allow the City to move forward and start the process through the KCMP&ZC. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hatter, Nienaber and Barker voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

HB 437 - Unified Local Government

Mr. Klein advised there have been changes on this Bill and will be an amendment to this to remove the petition part of the process. The way this would be proposed now is that a City Council or a County Fiscal Court can enact an Ordinance to be part of this process. This would be a decision made by Council instead of 20% of the voters. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to prepare a Resolution supporting HB 437 as described in this amendment and opposing it in the existing form. Roll call vote taken, Hiltz, Barker, Nienaber and Wolnitzek voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

2005 Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Award

Officer Travis Brown received the Governor's Award for DUI enforcement for the year. He does a great job in these cases.

Civil War Museum Update

The museum will reopen on February 3rd. Thanks to the Public Works Department for setting up two more display cases. The committee is working on a brochure for the museum which we can mail out if someone requests one. It will be an attractive finished project. There was a volunteer orientation day on Saturday and we have had different groups take tours. A group from the VA Hospital will visit the museum next week and will have lunch afterwards at the South Hills Civic Club.

Ridgewood Drive Sanitary Sewer Meeting

Six or seven properties on Ridgewood Drive that do not have hookup to the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Klein and Mr. Maloney have had meetings with Mark Brueggemann and the Sanitation District on how to approach this project. There will be a meeting for all affected residents at the City building, explaining the process and gauge interest on who would be interested in this project and bring the plan back to Council. Mr. Wolnitzek has some concerns with the City paying for half of the study. Mr. Klein advised nothing will be spent by the City until there is Council approval. Mayor Weaver suggested having the meeting with the residents to see how much interest there is in the project. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver stated that we will move forward with setting up a meeting with the residents.

"One Stop Shop" Update

Mr. Klein spoke to Jim Cox, of Cox Electric, Vice President of No. Ky. Electrical Authority to get his input on qualifications of inspectors, timeline and fees. He gave some examples of fees and timelines. Discussion followed. Mr. Klein will check on the fees that are being charged and report back to Council.

Rivard Drive Underpass Lighting

Mr. Maloney updated Council and advised he is waiting on a quote from Ruehl Electric for the lighting. The Public Works department will do some of the work.

Brent Spence Bridge Project

Document given to Council regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Project, which will impact Fort Wright in different areas. We need to monitor this project and see what impact it will have on our City.

Sick Time Usage Report

Each year we provide to Council a report on Sick Time used by all employees throughout the year. Only 1.6% of sick time available was used by employees in 2005. Mayor Weaver advised all of the employees are to be complimented.

Public Right of Way Clearing – I-71/75

The City has applied for an Encroachment Permit to get permission to clear brush and undergrowth on the right-of-way along the southbound lanes of I-75 between Kyles Lane and West Orchard Road. Hopefully some Saturday, we will get extra help from the detention center and weather co-operating, use the help to clear this area.

TIF District Fund Update

Hopefully by the next meeting we will have some numbers on taxes paid to determine the amount transferred to the TIF Fund.

Chamber of Commerce Business/Government Exchange Luncheon

Fort Wright will sponsor this luncheon on June 15th at the City Building. Mayor and Council are invited to attend.

Annual Appreciation Party Reminder

Next Saturday, February 11th at the Gardens of Park Hills our annual Appreciation Dinner will take place. This will be for all Volunteers and employees of the City.

Annual Budget Retreat – April 29, 2006

The Budget Retreat is scheduled for this date.

Council Committee Reports

Community Affairs

Mr. Feinauer reported that the Parks and Recreation Board have some events coming up in the next few months and to watch the Top of the Hill News for dates and times.

Finance

Mr. Nienaber thanked Mr. Feinauer and Mr. Klein for the meeting with the auditors and stated that its exciting to be a part of such a healthy City financially. Thanks to the staff for being fiscally responsible.

Long Range Plan

Mr. Barker reported the first meeting of 2006 will be on Tuesday, February 7th at noon.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported we have 32 full tax bills and 8 with penalty and interest only that are currently delinquent after sending out the first notice.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that we have our new truck for snow removal when needed. Since the museum has been closed the Public Works Department has done some renovations, installing more display cases and working on the building.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported on the fire at 1500 Henry Clay Court, the Parton residence, the home is a complete loss. There is an ongoing investigation and nothing definite yet. Thanks to Park Hills, Crescent Springs and Fort Mitchell for their help. Our ambulance has sustained structural failure and we will use the Park Hills ambulance until we get ours back, about 8 weeks and it is under warranty. February 7th at 10:07AM there will be an earthquake preparedness drill for the schools. The sirens will be set off.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that we are currently switching over to a new records management system through Kenton County. The reports will probably change and we are looking at the possibility of going to electronic citations through the State. If there is cost to do this it will be taken from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. New recruit John Mairose is doing very well. Mayor Weaver reported that Chief Kreinest was appointed Chairman of the Northern Kentucky Police Chiefs Association. Congratulations to him. There have been a few break-ins on cars in the General Drive and also Amsterdam and Park Road area.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Weaver, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk